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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN REQUEST FOR CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JAN 13, JORDANIAN EMBASSY REQUESTED FORMAL OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG "WITH VIEW TO INITIATING AND MAINTAINING SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." EMBASSY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN IN LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY AND ASKED DEPT TO SET DATE WITHIN THIS TIMEFRAME.

2. WE PLAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE EMBASSY'S NOTE IN NEAR FUTURE, INDICATING OUR INABILITY TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN REQUESTED TIMEFRAME DUE TO OUR OWN SCHEDULING PROBLEMS BUT STATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO SCHEDULE THEM AT SOME FUTURE DATE. IN MEANTIME, COPY OF JORDANIAN NOTE WILL BE FORWARDED TO CAB FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF PERTINENT MARKET CONDITIONS. (THIS IS STANDARD FIRST STEP IN SITUATIONS OF THIS KIND).

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3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PORTION OF JORDANIAN NOTE QUOTED ABOVE MEANS GOJ SEEKS U.S. APPROVAL FOR ALIA SERVICE TO NEW YORK, BUT THEY MAY ALSO HOPE TO INCREASE JORDANIAN TOURIST TRADE THROUGH REGULAR PANAM OR TWA SERVICE TO AMMAN. (TWA HAS RIGHTS TO SERVICE JORDAN, BUT HAS NOT

EXERCISED THEM IN VIEW OF ITS SERVICE TEL AVIV). WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU CAN PROVIDE THAT WOULD THROW ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON THESE AND OTHER POSSIBLE JORDANIAN OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS ISSUE WILL BE RAISED BY KING HUSSEIN DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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